

Thursday Report 29th January 2009 (actually written on Saturday)

Only a smallish team out at Glenreagh West this Thursday, but nonetheless, we got quite a bit done.

The belt for the new (to us) mower arrived, and Don fitted it, accompanied by the appropriate amount of cursing, and the usual assistants, all offering gratuitous, and often conflicting, advice. Despite the help, the job was done, and the mower tested with good results.

I am told that Dennis spent several hours on the mower yesterday, and made great improvements to the look of the precinct. He did report one potential problem though, that because the machine didn't break down every half an hour, requiring running repairs, he lost track of time. No doubt we will learn to handle this issue.

Ron Paul and his crew made great strides in tidying up and making safe the shed area, with new fences appearing profusely. There is a market day coming up next week, so the area should be as safe as we can make it for any visitors.

In addition, the usual teams were beavering away, Dick and co in the trike shed, Ron and helpers on GW station building and Ron Swadling replacing windows in tram 392.

Today, Saturday, an auction was held at the Chook Shed to try and sell a quantity of material and some tools, all of which are surplus. The sale went well, and just about everything went, and a reasonable amount of money was raised, some of which will be split with the Rotary Mens Shed, who were part owners of some of the material. Claire and the catering crew put on their BBQ, so as well as raising a bit more money, they managed to keep out cholesterol levels up. Derrick indicated that he wanted to pull back from running this facility, in order to make time to do other things. We are therefore looking for someone to take over this role. If you have an interest in it, please call the secretary. If we cannot find anyone willing to do so, we may have to stop using his facility, which would, I think be a great shame for GMR

That's about all for now – we are still doing background work on the accreditation, and will keep you informed of progress.

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